

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, and 13-17, amended claims 1, 7, and 12, and new claims 18-20 are in this application.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldschmidt Iki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,825), in view of Chernock et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,569), in further view of Lownes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,137,539).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"wherein the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus is operable to asynchronously transmit the information identifying the type of said transmitting apparatus." (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above 103 rejections with regard to claim 1, and as best understood, the Examiner appears to rely on Goldschmidt Iki and, in particular, lines 5-43 of column 3, lines 36-54 of column 4, line 66 of column 6 to line 11 of column 7, line 29 of column 7 to line 7 of column 8, and Fig. 4 thereof. It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Goldschmidt Iki do not appear to disclose the above feature of amended claim 1. As an example, although such portions of Goldschmidt Iki appear to mention source identifier 402 (as illustrated in Fig. 4 of Goldschmidt Iki), such portions of Goldschmidt Iki do not appear to disclose that the source identifier 402 is transmitted asynchronously.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the applied combination of Goldschmidt Iki, Chernock et al. and Lownes does not appear to disclose the above feature of claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is

distinguishable from the applied combination of Goldschmidt Iki, Chernock et al. and Lownes.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 7 and 12 are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Goldschmidt Iki, Chernock et al. and Lownes.

Claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, 13-17 and new claims 18-20 are dependent from one of independent claims 1, 7, and 12. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that that claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, and 13-20 are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Goldschmidt, Chernock, and Lownes for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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